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Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence

The General Assembly,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1]

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2] particularly its recognition that all individuals, in particular vulnerable people, are entitled to freedom from fear and freedom from want, with equal opportunity to enjoy all their rights and fully develop their human potential,

Recalling also its resolution 59/137 of 10 December 2004, by which it requested the Secretary-General to encourage relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to work with the Government of Rwanda to develop and implement programmes aimed at supporting vulnerable groups that continue to suffer from the effects of the 1994 genocide,

Recalling further the findings and recommendations of the independent inquiry commissioned by the Secretary-General, with the approval of the Security Council, into the actions of the United Nations during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda,[3]

Recalling the report containing the findings and recommendations of the International Panel of Eminent Personalities commissioned by the Organization of

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] See resolution 60/1.
[3] See S/1999/1257.

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African Unity[4] to investigate the genocide in Rwanda and the surrounding events, entitled "Rwanda: The Preventable Genocide",

Recalling also its resolution 58/234 of 23 December 2003, by which it declared 7 April 2004 the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda,

Recognizing the numerous difficulties faced by survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly the orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence, who are poorer and more vulnerable as a result of the genocide, especially the many victims of sexual violence who have contracted HIV and have since either died or become seriously ill with AIDS,

Firmly convinced of the necessity to restore the dignity of the survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, which would help to promote reconciliation and healing in Rwanda,

Commending the tremendous efforts of the Government and people of Rwanda and civil society organizations, as well as international efforts, to provide support for restoring the dignity of the survivors, including the allocation by the Government of Rwanda of 5 per cent of its national budget every year to support genocide survivors,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to expeditiously implement resolution 59/137;

2. *Encourages* all Member States to provide assistance to genocide survivors and other vulnerable groups in Rwanda in support of the present resolution;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for development assistance and support for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Rwanda after the 1994 genocide, and calls upon Member States to continue to support the development of Rwanda, inter alia, through programmes under the poverty reduction strategy;

4. *Urges* Member States to develop educational programmes that will inculcate future generations with the lessons of the genocide in Rwanda in order to help prevent future acts of genocide;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a programme of outreach entitled "The Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations" as well as measures to mobilize civil society for Rwanda genocide victim remembrance and education, in order to help prevent future acts of genocide, and to report to the General Assembly on the establishment of the programme within six months from the date of the adoption of the present resolution;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation of the survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence, to take all necessary and practicable measures for the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

[4] The Organization of African Unity was transformed into the African Union in 2002.

7. *Requests* the General Committee to consider the inclusion of an additional item on the agenda of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session entitled, "Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence".